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A generalization of Weierstrass semigroups on a double covering of a curve ¹

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Abstract

Let $\pi : \tilde{C} \rightarrow C$ be a double covering of a non-singular curve with a ramification point \tilde{P} . Let $H(\tilde{P})$ and $H(\pi(\tilde{P}))$ be the Weierstrass semigroups of the points \tilde{P} and $\pi(\tilde{P})$ respectively. We extend the notions of $H(\tilde{P})$ and $H(\pi(\tilde{P}))$ to the numerical semigroups \tilde{H} and H respectively, and classify the pairs of (\tilde{H}, H) by their genera. Moreover, we study about the property of such a pair (\tilde{H}, H) which means whether H (respectively \tilde{H}) is Weierstrass or not.

1 The d_2 -map

Let $\mathbb{N}_0 = \{0, 1, 2, 3, \dots\}$ be the additive semigroup of non-negative integers. A subsemigroup H of \mathbb{N}_0 is called a *numerical semigroup* if its complement $\mathbb{N}_0 \setminus H$ in \mathbb{N}_0 is a finite set. The cardinality $\#(\mathbb{N}_0 \setminus H)$ is called the *genus* of H , which is denoted by $g(H)$. The symbols H and \tilde{H} mean numerical semigroups throughout this paper. For any elements a_1, \dots, a_m of \mathbb{N}_0 we denote by $\langle a_1, \dots, a_m \rangle$ the semigroup generated by a_1, \dots, a_m . Let \mathcal{H} be the set of numerical semigroups. We define the map $d_2 : \mathcal{H} \rightarrow \mathcal{H}$ sending \tilde{H} to $d_2(\tilde{H}) = \left\{ \frac{\tilde{h}}{2} \mid \tilde{h} \in \tilde{H} \text{ is even} \right\}$, which is called *the d_2 -map*.

- Example 1.1** i) $d_2 : \mathbb{N}_0 \mapsto \mathbb{N}_0$. ii) $d_2 : \langle 2, 3 \rangle \mapsto \mathbb{N}_0$.
iii) $d_2 : \langle 3, 4, 5 \rangle \mapsto \langle 2, 3 \rangle$. iv) $d_2 : \langle 3, 5 \rangle \mapsto \langle 3, 4, 5 \rangle$.
v) $d_2 : \langle 4, 6, 7 \rangle \mapsto \langle 2, 3 \rangle$. vi) $d_2 : \langle 5, 7, 9 \rangle \mapsto \langle 5, 6, 7, 8, 9 \rangle$.
vii) $d_2 : \langle 6, 8, 10, 11 \rangle \mapsto \langle 3, 4, 5 \rangle$.

¹This paper is an extended abstract and the details will appear elsewhere.

2 A geometric meaning of the d_2 -map

A complete non-singular 1-dimensional algebraic variety over an algebraically closed field is abbreviated to a *curve* in this paper. Let (C, P) be a pointed curve and $k(C)$ the field of rational functions on C . We define the *Weierstrass semigroup* of P as follows:

$$H(P) = \{n \in \mathbb{N}_0 \mid \exists f \in k(C) \text{ such that } (f)_\infty = nP\}.$$

A numerical semigroup H is said to be *Weierstrass* if there exists a pointed curve (C, P) such that $H = H(P)$.

Lemma 2.1 *Let $\pi : \tilde{C} \rightarrow C$ be a double covering of a curve, i.e., the degree of $k(\tilde{C}) \supset k(C)$ is two, with a ramification point \tilde{P} . Then $d_2(H(\tilde{P})) = H(\pi(\tilde{P}))$. (For example see Lemma 2 in [4])*

A numerical semigroup \tilde{H} is called *the double covering type*, abbreviated to *DC* if there exists a double covering $\pi : \tilde{C} \rightarrow C$ with a ramification point \tilde{P} such that $\tilde{H} = H(\tilde{P})$.

Example 2.1 Let $\pi : \tilde{C} \rightarrow \mathbb{P}^1$ be a double covering of the projective line \mathbb{P}^1 . If \tilde{P} is a ramification point of π , then $H(\tilde{P}) = \langle 2, 2g + 1 \rangle$ where g is the genus of \tilde{C} . Hence, $\langle 2, 2g + 1 \rangle$ is DC.

By the definition of DC we have the following:

Remark 2.2 *If \tilde{H} is DC, then \tilde{H} and $d_2(\tilde{H})$ are Weierstrass.*

Using Riemann-Hurwitz' formula we see the following:

Lemma 2.3 *If \tilde{H} is DC, then $g(\tilde{H}) \geq 2g(d_2(\tilde{H}))$.*

The following is the known fact which is due to Torres [8].

Remark 2.4 *If \tilde{H} is a Weierstrass semigroup with $g(\tilde{H}) \geq 6g(d_2(\tilde{H})) + 4$, then it is DC.*

Example 2.2 Let $\tilde{H} = \langle 6, 8, 33 \rangle$. Then $d_2(\tilde{H}) = \langle 3, 4 \rangle$. We have

$$g(\tilde{H}) = 22 \geq 6 * 3 + 4 = 6g(\langle 3, 4 \rangle) + 4.$$

Hence, \tilde{H} is DC, because it is Weierstrass.

A numerical semigroup \tilde{H} is said to be *lower-Weierstrass*, abbreviated to *ℓ -Weierstrass* if $d_2(\tilde{H})$ is Weierstrass. The definition of DC means the following:

Remark 2.5 If \tilde{H} is DC, then it is ℓ -Weierstrass.

Remark 2.6 $B = \langle 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 20, 22, 23 \rangle$ is non-Weierstrass (see [1]), but ℓ -Weierstrass, because $d_2(B) = \langle 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 13 \rangle$ is of genus 7, which implies that $d_2(B)$ is Weierstrass (see [3]).

3 Classification and existence

By Lemma 2.3 and Remark 2.4 we have the following table:

Table I : Numerical semigroups \tilde{H}

Genus	Weierstrass			Non-Weierstrass	
$6g + 4 \leq \tilde{g}$	xii) DC	\bar{A} non-DC, ℓ -Wei	\bar{A} non- ℓ -W	vi) ℓ -Wei	iii) non- ℓ -W
$2g \leq \tilde{g} \leq 6g + 3$	xi) DC	x) non-DC, ℓ -Wei	viii) non- ℓ -W	v) ℓ -Wei	ii) non- ℓ -W
$\tilde{g} \leq 2g - 1$	\bar{A} DC	ix) non-DC, ℓ -Wei	vii) non- ℓ -W	iv) ℓ -Wei	i) non- ℓ -W

Here we set $\tilde{g} = g(\tilde{H})$ and $g = g(d_2(\tilde{H}))$.

We note that the bigger the roman numeral numbering the boxes in the table, the more special a numerical semigroup \tilde{H} belonging to the box numbered by it. After deleting the boxes in Table I to which no numerical semigroup belongs, the above table becomes the following:

Table II : Numerical semigroups \tilde{H}

Genus	Weierstrass			Non-Weierstrass	
$6g + 4 \leq \tilde{g}$	xii) DC			vi) ℓ -Wei	iii) non- ℓ -W
$2g \leq \tilde{g} \leq 6g + 3$	xi) DC	x) non-DC, ℓ -Wei	viii) non- ℓ -W	v) ℓ -Wei	ii) non- ℓ -W
$\tilde{g} \leq 2g - 1$	ix) non-DC, ℓ -Wei		vii) non- ℓ -W	iv) ℓ -Wei	i) non- ℓ -W

We have the following problem:

Problem A. Is a Weierstrass semigroup \tilde{H} ℓ -Weierstrass ? Namely, is there no numerical semigroup belonging to the box numbered by viii) (respectively vii) ?

Problem B. Is there a Weierstrass semigroup which belongs to the box numbered by x) ?

Problem C. Is there a non-Weierstrass semigroup which belongs to the box numbered by vi) ?

We will show that some numerical semigroup belongs to each box except vi), vii), viii) and x).

3.1 Special Cases

The following is known:

Remark 3.1 ([7]) *Let H be a Weierstrass semigroup and n an odd number $\geq 4g(H) - 1$. We set $\tilde{H} = 2H + n\mathbb{N}_0$. Then $d_2(\tilde{H}) = H$ and \tilde{H} is DC. In this case we have $g(\tilde{H}) = 2g(H) + \frac{n-1}{2} \geq 4g(H) - 1$.*

Hence this remark shows the existence of a numerical semigroup belonging to the box numbered by xii) (resp. xi))

Remark 3.2 ([6]) *Let $\tilde{H} = \langle 2n, 2n + 2 \times 1 - 1, \dots, 2n + 2 \times n - 1 \rangle$ with $n \geq 3$. Then \tilde{H} is Weierstrass and $d_2(\tilde{H}) = \langle n, 2n+1, \dots, 2n+n-1 \rangle$, which is Weierstrass. Hence, \tilde{H} is ℓ -Weierstrass. In this case we have $g(\tilde{H}) = \frac{3}{2}g(H) + 1 \leq 2g(H) - 1$.*

The numerical semigroups in Remark 3.2 are in the box numbered by ix). Let $a, b \in \mathbb{N}_0$ with $a < b$. The symbol $a \longrightarrow b$ stands for consecutive numbers $a, a+1, \dots, b$. We know the following result:

Remark 3.3 ([5]) *Let $\tilde{H}_g = \langle 2g-1 \longrightarrow 4g-10, 4g-8, 4g-6, 4g-5 \rangle$ for $g \geq 7$. Then it is non-Weierstrass.*

It is not difficult to show the following:

Proposition 3.4 *Let \tilde{H}_g be as in Remark 3.3. Then $d_2(\tilde{H}_g) = \langle g \longrightarrow 2g-3, 2g-1 \rangle$, which is Weierstrass. In this case we have $g(\tilde{H}_g) = 2g(d_2(\tilde{H}_g)) + 2$. \tilde{H}_7 is the numerical semigroup in Remark 2.6.*

Hence this proposition shows that the box numbered by v) contains the above numerical semigroups.

3.2 General Cases

By Remark 2.4 we see the following:

Proposition 3.5 *Let H be a non-Weierstrass semigroup and n an odd number $\geq 8g(H) + 9$. We set $\tilde{H} = 2H + n\mathbb{N}_0$. Then \tilde{H} is non-Weierstrass. In this case we have $g(\tilde{H}) = 2g(H) + \frac{n-1}{2} \geq 6g(H) + 4$.*

Thus, the above numerical semigroups belong to the box numbered by iii). A numerical semigroup H is said to be *primitive* if the largest integer in $\mathbb{N}_0 \setminus H$ is less than twice the least positive integer in H .

Example 3.1 The numerical semigroup $H = \langle 13 \rightarrow 18, 20, 22, 23 \rangle$ is primitive, because $\mathbb{N}_0 \setminus H = \{1 \rightarrow 12, 19, 21, 24, 25\}$.

Example 3.2 The numerical semigroup $H = \langle 13, 15 \rightarrow 18, 20, 22, 23 \rangle$ is non-primitive, because $\mathbb{N}_0 \setminus H = \{1 \rightarrow 12, 14, 19, 21, 24, 25, 27\}$.

We call H an n -semigroup if n is the least positive integer in H .

Lemma 3.6 *Let H be a primitive n -semigroup. We set*

$$\mathbb{N}_0 \setminus H = \{1 \rightarrow n-1, l_n < l_{n+1} < \dots < l_{g(H)}\}.$$

Take odd integers $\gamma_{n+1} < \gamma_{n+2} < \dots < \gamma_{n+m}$ between $2n$ and $4n$. Let \tilde{H} be a subset of \mathbb{N}_0 such that

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbb{N}_0 \setminus \tilde{H} = & \{2, 4, \dots, 2(n-1), 2l_n, 2l_{n+1}, \dots, 2l_{g(H)}\} \\ & \cup \{1, 3, \dots, 2n-1, \gamma_{n+1}, \gamma_{n+2}, \dots, \gamma_{n+m}\} \end{aligned}$$

Then \tilde{H} is a primitive $2n$ -semigroup of genus $g(H) + n + m$ with $d_2(\tilde{H}) = H$.

For a numerical semigroup H we set $L_2(H) = \{l + l' \mid l, l' \in \mathbb{N}_0 \setminus H\}$. The following remark is well-known:

Remark 3.7 ([1]) *A numerical semigroup H with $\#L_2(H) \geq 3g(H) - 2$ is non-Weierstrass.*

Example 3.3 In Lemma 3.6 let $H = \langle 13 \rightarrow 18, 20, 22, 23 \rangle$, $m = 1$ and $\gamma_{14} = 51$. In this case, \tilde{H} is a primitive 26-semigroup such that

$$\mathbb{N}_0 \setminus \tilde{H} = \{1 \rightarrow 25\} \cup \{38, 42, 48, 50\} \cup \{51\}.$$

Hence, $g(\tilde{H}) = 30 = 2g(H) - 2$. We have $\#L_2(\tilde{H}) = 88 = 3g(\tilde{H}) - 2$, which implies that \tilde{H} is non-Weierstrass.

Hence this example belongs to the box numbered by i)

Example 3.4 In Lemma 3.6 let $H = \langle 13 \longrightarrow 18, 20, 22, 23 \rangle$, $m = 3$ and $\gamma_{14} = 43$, $\gamma_{15} = 49$, $\gamma_{16} = 51$. In this case, \tilde{H} is a primitive 26-semigroup such that

$$\mathbb{N}_0 \setminus \tilde{H} = \{1 \longrightarrow 25\} \cup \{38, 42, 48, 50\} \cup \{43, 49, 51\}.$$

Hence, $g(\tilde{H}) = 32 = 2g(H)$. We have $\#L_2(\tilde{H}) = 94 = 3g(\tilde{H}) - 2$, which implies that \tilde{H} is non-Weierstrass.

Thus, the box numbered by ii) contains the above numerical semigroup.

Lemma 3.8 ([2]) *Let H be a primitive numerical semigroup such that $\mathbb{N}_0 \setminus H = \{1 \longrightarrow 13, 15, 18, 27\}$, i.e., $H = \langle 14, 16, 17, 19 \longrightarrow 26, 29 \rangle$. Then H is Weierstrass.*

Example 3.5 First Step. In Lemma 3.6 let $H = \tilde{H}_0 = \langle 14, 16, 17, 19 \longrightarrow 26, 29 \rangle$, $m = 1$ and $\gamma_{n+1} = 55$. In this case, $\tilde{H}_1 = \tilde{H}$ is a primitive 28-semigroup such that

$$\mathbb{N}_0 \setminus \tilde{H} = \{1 \longrightarrow 27\} \cup \{30, 36, 54\} \cup \{55\}.$$

Hence, $g(\tilde{H}) = 31 = 2g(H) - 1$. We have $\#L_2(\tilde{H}) = 88 = 3g(\tilde{H}) - 5$.

Second Step. In Lemma 3.6 let $H = \tilde{H}_1$, $m = 1$ and $\gamma_{n+1} = 111$. In this case, $\tilde{H}_2 = \tilde{H}$ is a primitive 56-semigroup such that

$$\mathbb{N}_0 \setminus \tilde{H} = \{1 \longrightarrow 55\} \cup \{60, 72, 108, 110\} \cup \{111\}.$$

Hence, $g(\tilde{H}) = 60 = 2g(H) - 2$. We have $\#L_2(\tilde{H}) = 177 = 3g(\tilde{H}) - 3$.

Third Step. In Lemma 3.6 let $H = \tilde{H}_2$, $m = 1$ and $\gamma_{n+1} = 223$. In this case, $\tilde{H}_3 = \tilde{H}$ is a primitive 56-semigroup such that

$$\mathbb{N}_0 \setminus \tilde{H} = \{1 \longrightarrow 111\} \cup \{120, 144, 216, 220, 222\} \cup \{223\}.$$

Hence, $g(\tilde{H}) = 117 = 2g(H) - 3$. We have $\#L_2(\tilde{H}) = 351 = 3g(\tilde{H})$, which implies that $\tilde{H}_3 = \tilde{H}$ is non-Weierstrass.

By the above three steps we get a sequence

$$\tilde{H}_3 \xrightarrow{d_2} \tilde{H}_2 \xrightarrow{d_2} \tilde{H}_1 \xrightarrow{d_2} \tilde{H}_0$$

where \tilde{H}_0 is Weierstrass, \tilde{H}_3 is non-Weierstrass and $g(\tilde{H}_i) \leq 2g(\tilde{H}_{i-1}) - 1$ for $i = 1, 2, 3$.

- (1) If \tilde{H}_1 is non-Weierstrass, then it belongs to the box numbered by iv).
- (2) If \tilde{H}_1 is Weierstrass and \tilde{H}_2 is non-Weierstrass, then \tilde{H}_2 belongs to the box numbered by iv).
- (3) If \tilde{H}_1 and \tilde{H}_2 are Weierstrass, then \tilde{H}_3 belongs to the box numbered by iv).

Hence the above shows that the box numbered by iv) contains some numerical semigroup.

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